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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re patent application of

Yuko Shiratori

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REVISING WIRING OF A CIRCUIT TO  
PREVENT ELECTRO-MIGRATION

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please amend the claims as follows:**

21. (Amended) The computer program product as set forth in claim 15, wherein said codes  
further cause the computer to perform a step of tracing said net to obtain said branch.

**REMARKS**

Claim 21 has been amended to be dependent upon claim 15.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current Amendment. The attached pages are captioned **"Version with markings to show changes made."**

Early, favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's

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Respectfully submitted,



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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

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